

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-30. (Canceled)

31. **(Currently Amended)** A hPTH (1-84) preparation, wherein said hPTH (1-84) is more than 90% pure free of human derived proteins and human infectious agents, wherein the PTH preparation does not contain chemically modified amino acids.

32. (Canceled)

33. **(Previously Presented)** The hPTH (1-84) preparation of claim 31, wherein said hPTH (1-84) is prepared by a process comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a microorganism containing exogenous DNA encoding hPTH (1-84);
- (b) culturing said microorganism to allow expression of said exogenous DNA, thereby producing hPTH (1-84); and
- (c) purifying said hPTH (1-84).

34. **(Previously Presented)** The hPTH (1-84) preparation of claim 33, wherein said microorganism is *E. coli*.

35. **(Previously Presented)** The hPTH (1-84) preparation of claim 33, wherein said microorganism is yeast.

36. **(Previously Presented)** A hPTH (1-84) preparation, wherein:

- (a) said hPTH (1-84) comprises a sequence containing at least one amino acid selected from the group consisting of a glutamate at position 22, a leucine at position 28, and an aspartate at position 30, and
- (b) said hPTH (1-84) is more than 90% pure.

37. **(Previously Presented)** The hPTH (1-84) preparation of claim 36, wherein said hPTH (1-84) comprises a glutamate at position 22.

38. **(Previously Presented)** The hPTH (1-84) preparation of claim 36, wherein said hPTH (1-84) comprises a leucine at position 28.

39. **(Previously Presented)** The hPTH (1-84) preparation of claim 36, wherein said hPTH (1-84) comprises an aspartate at position 30.

40. **(Previously Presented)** The hPTH (1-84) preparation of claim 36, wherein said hPTH (1-84) is prepared by a process comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a microorganism containing exogenous DNA encoding hPTH (1-84); and
- (b) culturing said microorganism to allow expression of said exogenous DNA, thereby producing hPTH (1-84);
- (c) and purifying said hPTH (1-84).

41. **(Previously Presented)** The hPTH (1-84) preparation of claim 36, wherein said microorganism is *E. coli*.

42. **(Previously Presented)** The hPTH (1-84) preparation of claim 36, wherein said microorganism is yeast.